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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 12 July 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Wisner, [redacted] Messrs. Sheldon,
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Lloyd, [redacted] Dr. Kent, [redacted],
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Mr. Dulles:

a) Noted that at the Cabinet Meeting this morning Governor Adams had made a preliminary report on his Force Levels Committee. The Director said it appeared that this Committee had high level representation from other government agencies and asked the Acting DD/S if we knew anything about it, noting that a report from all agencies is due by 1 August and asked if we have a responsibility. Mr. Lloyd said he had not heard of the Committee and undertook to find out what he could after which the Director would call Governor Adams. Note: It was subsequently learned/^{from Gov. Adams} that this Agency had not been asked to participate but would be expected to abide by the Committee's findings insofar as possible.

b) Noted he had given copies of his briefing notes used at yesterday's NSC meeting to Messrs. Gleason, Bowie and Larson and stated that copies should also be made available to selected people within CIA but no further outside distribution should be made without his approval. ACTION: Mr. Sheldon.

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In connection with early warnings of future possible changes in the Soviet government the Director stated we should place more emphasis on penetrations of the Communist Party and in particular [redacted]

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[redacted] He said he would be willing to spend a couple of hundred thousand dollars to effect this and would also like to see a list of our current penetrations. ACTION: DD/P. [redacted]

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e) Noted he had seen Bob Bowie last night and had asked him if he would not be willing to sit down with the Board of National Estimates before he leaves Washington in order to discuss possible changes in the format of NIEs. The Director said other top level consumers should also be invited to attend this meeting (Gen. Cutler was mentioned) and he too would like to be present since he had a number of ideas as to how we might add more punch and impact to our Estimates. (ACTION: Dr. Kent). Dr. Kent noted that Mr. Bowie in a recent speech at the National War College had discussed Intelligence Estimates. The Director said he would ask Mr. Bowie to bring along a copy of this talk.

Mr. Lloyd:

a) Noted that the letters from Mr. Percival Brundage dated 26 and 28 June had been discussed with representatives of the Bureau of the Budget and it was not necessary that replies be made immediately.

b) Received the Director's approval to seek contributions within the Agency for the CIA Public Aid Society.

c) Noted that Messrs. Mason and Perry of the Bureau of the Budget had returned from their European trip and had asked for the amount of funds CIA spends in connection with certain activities [redacted] [redacted] commented that in his opinion approval would establish a dangerous precedent in that we could be accused of mucking into the affairs of a friendly government. It was noted that David Bruce was also interested in this matter. The Director said he saw no reason why Mr. Bruce could not be furnished this information but made it clear he did not want such figures on file with other agencies of the government without the express approval of the 5412 Committee. He suggested, however, that we invite Perry and Mason over for discussion on this matter and, in fact, their whole trip.

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Dr. Kent:

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Noted that it is an established rule of the IAC not to furnish certain NIEs to USIA. However, it had been found that the USIA Planning Board member does see all Estimates in connection with his work with the Board. He also commented that Mr. Larson is a Member of the OCB and there is no reason to doubt that he cannot receive Estimates if he requests them. The Director asked that this matter be again raised at the next meeting Mr. Amory is present. ACTION: Dr. Kent.

Mr. Sheldon:

Noted that OCI is detailing a man who has "all the necessary clearances", and who in fact is a White House briefer, to Camp David during the Alert exercise.



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